

Sheep Shearers
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Sheep Herders:
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Cummings interviews

along the river banks and made an ideal grazing situation. Indeed, men like William Wall, Aaron Daniels, William Meeks, George Bean, and others felt the valley should be

set aside exclusively for cattle raising and lumbering.⁵ Most of the later settlers were interested in tilling the soil, but they too took advantage of the rich grazing lands, and nearly all had a few sheep and cattle.

Raising sheep on a large scale began with the co-operative sheep herd organized by John M. Murdoch in 1861. He was born in Grasswater, Anchimleck, Ayrshire, Scotland, on December 28, 1821. Much of his early life was spent as a shepherd boy. Later, while working in the coal mines, he became a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1852

Marie was a loving and dedicated housewife and mother. She took a deep and active interest in the education and training of her children and in other young people as well. She taught 4-H Club for many years. She taught many years in Primary and Junior Sunday School. She served as drama director in the old Midway First Ward and produced many plays and prize winning Road Shows. She was employed as the first secretary of the Midway Elementary School. She was proud of her children and glorified in their achievements. She loved her family and demonstrated that love in devoted service to each of them.

Earl and Marie celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1988.